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TAGS: ECON, ELAB, PO

SUBJ: WORKERS OCCUPATION OF ITT PLANT TEMPORARILY LIFTED

REF: LISBON 804

1. OCCUPATION BY WORKERS OF ITT-RABOR PLANT IN OVAR WAS LIFTED ON NIGHT FEBRUARY 13-14. NO REPORTS OF ANY DAMAGE OR VIOLENCE. PLANT CONTINUES TO OPERATE AND MANAGEMENT IS ALLOWED TO ENTER BUT DISPUTE IS CLEARLY NOT RESOLVED BUT ONLY COOLED DOWN TEMPORARILY.

2. ACCORDING TO AMCONSUL OPORTO LIFTING OF OCCUPATION WAS RESULT OF COMPROMISE BETWEEN WORKERS AND MINISTRIES OF LABOR AND FINANCE IN WHICH FINANCE SENT TEAM TO INVESTIGATE ECONOMIC/ FINANCIAL SITUATION OF RABOR. WORKERS SAVED FACE BY DECLARING THAT INVESTIGATION MET ONE OF MAJOR DEMANDS. HOWEVER, THEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY WILL WANT DEFINITIVE STATE INTERVENTION AND REMOVAL OF THE PLANT'S BRAZILIAN DIRECTOR. DISPUTE IS NOW IN HANDS OF LABOR MINISTRY. REPORTS THAT MILITARY HAD INTERVENED TO IMPOSE SOLUTION WERE FALSE.

3. THERE ARE UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS THAT STRIKE MAY BE CALLED FOR ANOTHER ITT PLANT, OLIVA INDUSTRIAS METALURGICAS
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S.A.R.L., WHICH IS LOCATED NEARBY. OLIVA EMPLOYS OVER

2500 AND MANUFACTURES SEWING MACHINES, BATH TUBS AND METAL TUBES.

4. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT HAS RECEIVED ALMOST NO PLAY IN PRESS, EITHER IN LISBON OR OPORTO. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY WORKERS BACKED DOWN SO QUICKLY ALTHOUGH MANAGER OF ITT PLANT IN LISBON SPECULATES THAT GOP WILL GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO KEEP ITT FROM LEAVING PORTUGAL. HE IS CONVINCED, AFTER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT HIS PLANT, THE GOP IS CONVINCED THAT ITT WOULD TAKE DRASTIC ACTION SUCH AS SHUT DOWN IF SITUATION DETERIORATED FAR ENOUGH.
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